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Ch/D**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE- GROUP 1600/ART UNIT 1652****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****OFFICIAL**

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ ET AL.
SERIAL NO. : 09/463,494
FILED : July 25, 2000
FOR : METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND IDENTIFYING NEW
HYDROLASES HAVING IMPROVED PROPERTIES
ART UNIT : 1652
EXAMINER : C. Patterson

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

SIR:

In response to the Final Rejection dated April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.